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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the Patent and Trademark Office withdraw the Restriction Requirement mailed March 13, 2000.

The Restriction Requirement was issued after a first office action on all claims was issued, and after Applicants responded to the office action. In that office action, some method claims and some apparatus claims were indicated allowable. Accordingly, a search and examination of *both* method and apparatus claims has already been conducted by the Patent and Trademark Office. For this reason, it would not unduly burden the PTO to have all claims remain pending in the case. This, Applicants urge the PTO to withdraw the Restriction Requirement and to continue examination of all claims.

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In the event the Restriction Requirement is not withdrawn, Applicants provisionally elect the method claims, Claims 1 - 15 and 32, with traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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